

Amendment to the Claims

Below is a complete listing of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) An immobilization device comprising:

- a. a first electrode;
- b. a second electrode;
- c. a third electrode to ~~come into contact with~~ form a complete circuit through the target as a consequence of movement of the target; and
- d. a signal generator selectively coupled to the first electrode, to the second electrode, and to the third electrode to provide a ~~test~~ first signal via the first electrode and the second electrode to prompt movement of the target toward the third electrode, and to provide a ~~stimulus~~ second signal for immobilization via the third electrode.

2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising:

- a. a memory comprising a list of electrodes comprising indicia of the first electrode, the second electrode, and the third electrode, ~~the list organized by subset to test~~; and
- b. a processor that directs selective coupling of listed electrodes to the signal generator in accordance with monitored energy delivered into the target via the listed electrodes.

3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising:

- a. a memory comprising a list of electrodes comprising indicia of the first electrode, the second electrode, and the third electrode, ~~the list organized by subset to test~~; and
- b. a processor that directs selective coupling of listed electrodes to the signal generator in accordance with monitored charge delivered into the target via the listed electrodes.

4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising:

- a. a memory comprising a list of electrodes comprising indicia of the first electrode, the second electrode, and the third electrode, ~~the list organized by subset to test~~; and
- b. a processor that directs selective coupling of listed electrodes to the signal generator in accordance with a respective impedance between listed electrodes.

5. (Currently amended) A method for immobilizing a target, the method comprising:

- a. a step for providing a first electrode ~~in contact with the target~~ and a second electrode ~~in contact with~~ to complete a first circuit through the target;
- b. a step for providing a first signal via the first electrode and the second electrode;
- c. a step for providing a third electrode ~~for coming into contact with~~ to complete a

second circuit through the target as a consequence of movement of the target in response to the first signal; and

d. a step for providing ~~an immobilizing~~ a second signal for immobilizing the target via the third electrode.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the first signal comprises a test signal.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the first signal comprises a stimulus signal.

8. (Currently amended) A method for selecting a subset of electrodes from a plurality of electrodes, the subset for use in immobilizing a target, the method comprising:

a. a step for recalling a stored sequence of entries, each entry identifying a respective subset of electrodes; ~~and~~

b. a step for sequentially testing subsets in accordance with the sequence of entries; and

c. a step for immobilizing the target via a current through a tested subset of electrodes.

9. (Original) An immobilization device comprising:

a. a signal source that provides an immobilization signal;

b. a plurality of electrodes; and

c. a circuit that selectively couples each of a multiplicity of subsets of electrodes of the plurality of electrodes to the signal source for delivery of the immobilization signal via a selected subset of electrodes.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9 wherein the circuit:

a. determines a respective test result in response to coupling each subset of the multiplicity to the signal source; and

b. selects the selected subset of electrodes in accordance with comparing the test result of the selected subset to a limit.

11. (Original) The device of claim 9 wherein the immobilization signal comprises a peak voltage less than an ionization voltage.

12. (Original) The device of claim 9 wherein the immobilization signal comprises:

a. a stage for determining the respective test result; and

b. a stage for immobilizing a target having tissue in series between at least two electrodes of the selected subset of electrodes.

13. (Original) A projectile comprising the device of claim 9.

14. (Original) A system for immobilizing a target, the system comprising a launch device and the projectile of claim 13.
15. (New) The immobilization device of claim 2 wherein the list is organized by subset to test.
16. (New) The immobilization device of claim 3 wherein the list is organized by subset to test.
17. (New) The immobilization device of claim 4 wherein the list is organized by subset to test.
18. (New) The device of claim 1 further comprising a launch device that propels at least one of the first, the second, and the third electrode toward the target.
19. (New) The device of claim 1 further comprising a launch device that propels the signal generator toward the target.
20. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first signal comprises a test signal.
21. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first signal comprises a stimulus signal.
22. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the first signal comprises a path formation stage.
23. (New) The method of claim 5 wherein the first signal comprises a path formation stage.
24. (New) The method of claim 5 further comprising a step for propelling at least one of the first, the second, and the third electrode toward the target.
25. (New) The method of claim 5 further comprising a step for propelling means for providing the first signal toward the target.
26. (New) The method of claim 8 further comprising a step for propelling the plurality of electrodes toward the target.
27. (New) The method of claim 8 further comprising a step for propelling toward the target a means for providing the current.
28. (New) The device of claim 9 further comprising a launch device that propels the plurality of electrodes toward the target.
29. (New) The method of claim 9 further comprising a launch device that propels the signal source toward the target.
30. (New) A method for immobilizing a target, the method comprising:
- a. providing a first electrode and a second electrode to complete a first circuit through the target;
 - b. providing a first signal via the first electrode and the second electrode;
 - c. providing a third electrode to complete a second circuit through the target as a consequence of movement of the target in response to the first signal; and

- d. providing an immobilizing signal via the third electrode.
- 31. (New)** The method of claim 30 wherein the first signal comprises a test signal.
- 32. (New)** The method of claim 30 wherein the first signal comprises a stimulus signal.
- 33. (New)** The method of claim 30 wherein the first signal comprises a path formation stage.
- 34. (New)** The method of claim 30 further comprising propelling at least one of the first, the second, and the third electrode toward the target.
- 35. (New)** The method of claim 30 further comprising propelling a means for providing the immobilization signal toward the target.
- 36. (New)** A method for selecting a subset of electrodes from a plurality of electrodes, the subset for use in immobilizing a target, the method comprising:
- a. recalling a stored sequence of entries, each entry identifying a respective subset of electrodes;
 - b. sequentially testing subsets in accordance with the sequence of entries; and
 - c. immobilizing the target via a current through a tested subset of electrodes.
- 37. (New)** The method of claim 36 further comprising propelling the plurality of electrodes toward the target.
- 38. (New)** The method of claim 36 further comprising propelling toward the target a means for providing the current.